



Reservoir Committee of Envision Arlington

Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Time: 7:30 PM.

Location: Via Zoom

Attendance: David White, Johanna Meyer, Stephan Miller, Ann LeRoyer, George Stephans, Isabella Jardine (reporter), Yujia Wang (reporter)

Draft Notes –

1. Check-ins and Observations from around the Res.
 - a. Columbine, coral honeysuckle, wild geraniums (shade garden), lupine are blooming
 - b. Water is still overflowing emergency spillway
 - c. Single swan, some geese and ducks spotted
 - d. Reservoir water is visible from Trader Joe's balcony over bikeway. Possibly putting a sign up to access via path and field
2. Review previous meeting notes.
 - a. approved
3. Habitat Garden
 - a. Garden update
 - i. removed garlic mustard plants
 - ii. cleared/moved grasses
 - iii. planting in shade garden
 - b. More plantings
 - i. unknown if there will be new plantings
 1. workday: more weed clearing, mugwort, weeding
 2. move tansy, move some joe pye weed from shade garden to sunny garden
 - c. Watering
 - i. people need to sign up for watering schedule
4. Invasive Plant Control
 - a. Invasive land plants – garlic mustard, mugwort, oriental bittersweet, JKW
 - b. Water Chestnut hand harvesting event – Saturday July 8

- c. Mechanical WC harvesting starting Monday June 19.
- 5. Workdays
 - a. **May 20 - canceled if there is substantial rain; confirm Friday morning**
 - b. June 24 (following the committee meeting on June 20)
- 6. Committee Roles
 - a. Reporter - Yujia Wang, Isabella Jardine
 - b. Social media - getting more involved on facebook
- 7. Future Activities
 - a. Recruitment effort
 - i. connecting with native plant, gardening groups, bird groups (Menotomy Bird Club) on facebook
 - b. Next meeting – June 20**
- 8. Other
 - a. Heights June Fest (FKA Spring Fling): June 10, 2 pm - 5 pm: setting up table to do water colors and talk about greenspace, possibly collaborating with open space committee
 - i. Sign up sheet for volunteers
 - ii. Rain date: June 11
 - b. Envision Committee - questions to fill out, clarifying wording
 - i. Mission
 - ii. Milestones (Consider what should be the milestones to show we are making progress toward our goals- for discussion next month)
 - 1. Number of Workdays - nothing specific, but to continue the current work
 - 2. Listing additional events (number of educational events- Town day, Heights Fest, etc. or a subgoal: a number (5) new species per year introduced)
 - 3. Number of years of maintenance, Engagement
 - 4. Monthly emails and updates, Sending out newsletters, meeting notes, post to blog (number of communications)
 - 5. Email list, website(number of members, number of active members)
 - iii. Recruitment
 - 1. Online advertisement: Meetup, website, facebook
 - 2. Posters on Res bulletin board
 - a. Beach bulletin boards currently damaged/vandalized. One by the garden OK.

3. Town Day
4. Envision Arlington - meet and greet with other groups
5. News feed from Envision would be good; will keep us aware of everything around town

c. Meeting got zoom bombed and then restarted.

9. Action Items:

Consider what should be the milestones for our goals for discussion next month

Sign ups for

Volunteers needed for Watering Schedule (Water Monitor one week this summer)

Volunteers needed for Heights June Fest June 10th 2-5pm

Volunteers needed for Gardening Day June 24, 9-12 pm

Volunteers needed for Hand pull Water chestnuts July 8th 12-4 pm